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File # 1999-10; Proposed Amendments of Rules 703 and 1101 of the Michigan Rules of Evidence

Dear Clerk:

Re:

The Michigan Judges Association (MJA) has reviewed the abovereferenced amendments and offers the following comments:

Rule 703

Because Alternative B provides the Court with discretion to fashion an evidentiary ruling suitable for each individual case, the MJA supports adoption of this alternative.

Rule 1101

Adoption of either proposed amendment to Rule 703 will necessitate adoption of Rule 1101(b)(9) and the MJA supports its adoption. The MJA takes no position and defers to the probate Judges regarding adoption of Rule 1101(b)(10).

Sincerely,

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